Leaders in Fourth Congressional District Get Together at Petersburg.

DISTRICT

Reports Indicate That Nottoway Candidate Will Get Safe Majority.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,

Petersburg, Va., July 20. th annual convention of the Retail Merchants' Association of Virginia will be held to-morrow in the
half of the Chamber of Commerce, with
President Amstadter, of Norfolk, in the
chair. The association has local organizations in every important city
and town in the State, many of them
formed since the last convention, held
in Staunton, and fully seventy-five
delegates will be present, the largest
attendance in the history of the association. Retail Merchants' Association of

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The address of welcome to the association will be delivered by Edwin for Street. State of the Petersburg association will be delivered by Edwin for the Consensation of legislation desired for the relief and the upbuilding of the consensation will be delivered by Edwin for the Consensation will be delivered by Edwin for the Consensation of legislation desired for the manufacturing and commercial intersects of the State. The convention will be distinged to the manufacturing and commercial intersects of the State. The convention will be distinged to the manufacturing and adternoon situltings. The delivered by Edwin for the Consensation of legislation desired for the manufacturing and adternoon and a banquet at its first the Stratfor's Hotel at night.

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Senator Hobbs, of Prince George, presided, and Samuel W. Zimmer, of this city, acted as secretary. About 160 persons were present. Resolutions were adopted looking to progressive action in aid of Judge Mann's candidacy irom now until primary election day. It is claimed by friends of Judge Mann's candidacy irom now until primary election day. It is claimed by friends of Judge Mann that he will carry the district by at least 1,500 majority.

Secaes of Tati's Reception.

The Chamber of Commerce has purchased enlarged pictures of the secnes attending President Tati's reception at the Centre Hill Manor on May 19. The pictures are eighteen in number, including one of the President himself, are handsome specimens of art, and will be hung in graceful arrangements of conditions and being in graceful arrangements were made by the bound of Girchor Children in Day and Billind Colored Children in Day and Billind Colored Children in

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Dr. L. S. Early expects to leave the first of next week on a trip to Europe.

Mrs. George S. Grizzard and daugh-

grains.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE MANN WILL PROVE That Chronic Bright's Disease is now being cured by treatment that reduces inflammation in the kidneys is begin-

being cured by treatment that reduces inflammation in the kidneys is beginning to be generally known.

We copy the following from the San Francisco, Builetin, June 22d, 1908;
"The recovery is reported of Mr. Z. Lawton, of 264 Fifth Avenue, San Francisco. The case is especially interesting due to the fact that books declare chronic Bright's Disease incurable, and five city physicians had; passed on and diagnosed the case. The usual symptoms found in extreme cases were reported—excessive dropsy, enlarged heart, and towards the last the patient could only sleep sitting up, and for six weeks he slept in a chair. Lawton had a cousin, Mrs. W. E. Hooven, of Auburn, who also had an advanced case of Bright's Disease. She had been tapped three times when she heard of Fuiton's Renal Compound, and made a fine recovery. This interested Lawton in the treatment, and it resulted in his recovery also. * * He is a Mason, member of Excelsior Lodge, and many members will recollect his serious predicament and that they thought they would be called on to pass him over."

Parties desiring to know more of this treatment can get full literature by addressing the John J. Fulton Company, 212 First Street, San Francisco, Cai.

Fulton's Renal Compound can be had pany, 212 First Street, San Francisco, Cal.
Fulton's Renai Compound can be had in your city of our agent, Owens & Minor Drug Company.
We desire every patient to write us who is not noting the usual im-provement by the third week. Tucker was presented by Colonel A. B. Carrington, and was given close attention and liberal applause. He deprovement by the third week.

Ter, Maggie, of Savannah, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Grizzard's brother, E. M.

Taylor, on Hinton Street.

The new city jall, which has been greatly enlarged and strengthened, and practically rebuilt at a cost of about \$43,000, is about the handsomest and most imposing looking building on the Courthouse Square. If has been completed and will be occupied about August 1.

Nat Roper and sister, Miss Mary Hoper, have gone to New York and Niagara Falls on a pleasure visit.

And now come in reports of damage. voted a large portion of his speech

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH. N. C. July 20.—Presider
J. O. Ellington, of the North Carolin
Bankers' Association, and a number of
other officers and members of this of
ganization held a conference with the
Corporation Commission to-day wit
reference to the position of the bank
ers in the matter of the ruling of the
commission that the banks shall in
have their holdings in State and othe
non-taxable bonds deducted from that
assessed value of the shares of stoc.
The ruling has stirred a great big protest from rankers, insurance companie
and other corporations holding sue test from tankers, insurance compan and other corporations holding as investments. The position of the bar ers in opposition to the ruling v made clear. There is no statement; as to any test case.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., July 20.—The trus-ees of Wake Forest College, in session lere this afternoon, elected Dr. J. F Powers, of Wake Forest, as dean of the medical department, to succeed Dr. M. S. Parkin, who retired to become

Gas Range

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Are the right kind, made right, priced right, convenient and labor saving.

We have them at \$10 ip to \$26.50.

Special cut prices on all Refrigerators and Porch Settees and Rockers.

Rothert & Co., Fourth and Broad

ORANGE IS AGAIN

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Almost Block of Buildings, Valued at \$100,000.

nost, as disastrous as the one of No-

brigades a strenuous one.

The property destroyed includes the rge plant of the A. T. Grasty Lum-

KILLS BROTHER WITH HOE

Sinyer Declares Act Was in Defense of His Wife.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 20,—At Patatown, Wayne county, Sunday night, James Bivens instantly killed his brother David with a hoe. The slayer surrendered to the authorities at Goldsboro this morning, and following a preliminary examination, was released on \$200 bond for his appearance at the August term of court. Bivens stated that he heard his wife screaming in his cotton field, and, running up, was startled to see her being choked by his brother. After felling his brother, James Blyens carried his wife home, and by vigorous efforts sayed her life. The dead man's wife testified that the killing was justifiable.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BURLINGTON, N. C., July 20.—While transferring the county convicts from one camp to another to-day, and while passing through a large hody of woods, three of the number—Wes Jones, Dan Austin and Lacy Tyson, all colored—who had been sent up from Chatham county, made a break for liberty. All efforts to stop them were fullle, and they are still at large.

Government Claims Damages for Registered Mail Lost

Defense Claims That Railway Is Not Common Carrier as to Government.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WILMINGTON, N. C., July 20.—So far as is known, the first case on record in which the United States government seeks to make a railroad liable for the loss of registered mail matter was argued in the United States Circuit Courtiere to-day. The government, as bailee for senders of forty-five registered packages, seeks nearly \$10,000 damages from the Atlantic Coast Linc. It also asks for about \$100,000 damages for the loss of mail equipment, such as pouches, but the former action is the vital one and goes deep into the railroad business. It grows out of a wreck on the Coast Line at Lucama, N. C., in 1904, when the mail car was smashed to pleces, and the registered mail, including a package of diamonds sent from Paris to Cuba, lost.

The government alleges that negligence was responsible for the wreck, and afterward lack of proper protection for the mail, and claims it has a right to recover as ballee.

The road filed a demurrer and sought dismissal of the case on the ground that a road is not liable for mail in transit; that the government is not even liable, and sustains no loss, and that to hold a road liable will revolutionize the mail contract system, as in the Coast Line case this particular six miles; also that a road is not and has no control of mail cars.

Judge Connor, who heard the extended argument, took the case under advisement.

FUNDS ORDERED BY COURT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., July 20.—In the Federal Court to-day, Judge Waddill cirected a distribution of \$60,759.23, remaining from the sale of Public Service Corporation of Virginia, operating in Hampton and Phoebus, the affairs of which are being wound up under a Federal receivership.

The entire amount will go for a prorata payment on the \$150,000 sbond issue of the company, and will be at the rate of \$399.85 on each of the bonds of \$1,000 issued, with its accrued interest to July 1, 1909. The beneficiaries are as follows:

Clarence H. Wildes and Whetstone & Co., of New York and Philadelphia, of the whole.

Others are to be paid as follows:

Bank of Hampton, holding \$1,000 as assignee of Baker and Vaughan, gets \$399.85.

Farmers' Bank of Nansemond, as as-

\$339.85.
Farmers' Bank of Nansemond, as as signee of E. E. Holland for \$13,000, gets \$1,188.05.
James M. Cumming, holding \$2,000 gets \$799.70.
Bank of Phoebus, holding \$500, gets of Phoebus, holding \$500, gets

997.
Whetstone & Co., Inc., and the Em-re Trust Company, collateral holder \$20,000, gets \$7,997.
Jan Pfarr, holding \$4,000, gets of \$20,000, gets \$7,997.
J. A. Pfarr, holding \$4,000, gets \$1,599.40.
Mrs. George W. Carr, holding \$1,000, gets \$399.85.
Stephen V. Fleming, holding \$1,000, gets \$399.85.
Merchants National Bank of Omaha, Neb., holding \$1,000, gets \$399.85.
Mrs. Mary Mitchell, holding \$5,000, gets \$1,992.55.
B. L. Goff, holding \$1,000, gets \$3399.85. \$39.85.
Ashby and Read, of Newport News, assignees of Whetstone & Co., on certain coupons, gets \$782.98.

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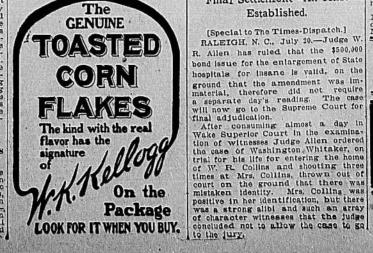
News of Fredericksburg.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., July 20.—
James M. Lewis, of Essex county, present member of the House of Delegates from the district composed of Essex and King and Queen counties, has been declared the Democratic nominee for re-election to the House of Delegates, no one having opposed him.

George L. Browning has resigned as Commonwealth's Attorney for Madison county, and N. G. Fayne has been appointed his successor.

Prospect Hill estate in Carolina county, ten miles below this city, has been purchased by Hugh E. Cline, of California. It is a part of the oid Gordon estate, containing 700 acres, and there is an old Colonial brick mansion on the property. Mr. Cline will make extensive improvements.

W. D. Mills has old to V. M. Fleming, of Florida, a double house on Canby Street, in this city.

Dr. Edward F. Bigelow, of New York, editor of the St. Nicholas Maga-



Important Notice to Gas Consumers

On and after Agust 1, 1909, gas bills will be rendered as follows:.

FIRST DISTRICT (east of the centre of Fourteenth Street) on the 1st instead of the 10th of the month.

SECOND DISTRICT (between Fourteenth and the west side of First Street) on the 8th instead of the 22d of the month.

THIRD DISTRICT (between First and the west side of Harrison Street) on the 15th instead of the 2d of the month.

FOURTH DISTRICT (west of Harrison Street) on the 23d instead of the 2d of the month.

Whenever delivery day falls on Sunday or a legal holiday the bills will bear date of the following day. If a bill is not paid within five days after delivery 5 per cent. will be added. If paid by check the bill must accompany the check, and both should be mailed to the City Treasurer before the last day to insure their delivery in time to save the penalty. If a bill is not paid within ten days after delivery the gas will be turned off.

JOSEPH M. SHELTON,

Inspector of Gas, Richmond, Va.

Southbound Line Will Be Built Association Is Formed and North from Winston-Salem to Wadesboro.

The Winston-Salem Southbound Rallroad Company was reorganized here
to-day by the election of the following officers: President. Henry E.
Fries, of Winston-Salem; Vice-President, T. M. Emerson, president of the
Atlantic Coast Line; Treasurer, W. F.
Shaffner, of Winston-Salem; Secretary, Foster Wilkinson, private secretary to President Johnson of the
Norfolk and Western; Chief Engineer,
O. H. P. Cornell, of Winston-Salem;
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the Norfolk and Western, Roanoke.
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This afternoon the visitors were tendered an outing over the city. This evening a dinner was given at the Zinzendorf Hotel in honor of the old and new directors of the Southbound, including the visiting raliroad men. This was followed with an informat reception under the auspices of the Board of Trade.

The Southbound Raliroad will be built from this city to Wadesboro, It will be financed *Dy owners of the Norfolk and Western Raliway and Atlantic Coast Line. Contracts for con-

struction work will be awarded August

FORCE IT INTO BANKRUPTCY

Case Will Be Taken Higher for Final Settlement-An Alibi Established.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., July 20 .- Judge W. R. Allen has ruled that the \$500,000 oond issue for the enlargement of State hospitals for insane is valid, on the

Carolina Towns Will Push Work,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., July 20.—A
public meeting, at which every town
between Weldon, N. C., and Bennetts-

and J. M. Black, of Red Springs, secretary and treasurer.

An executive committee of five, of which the president is an ex-officio member, will have charge of the association's affairs.

This committee will name from its members a roadway commission of three, which will select the route of the proposed highway and go over it, placing at intervals signs reading, "New York and Jacksonville Auto Highway." The meeting was well altended, and great enthusiasm was manifested.

RICHMOND CONFERENCE IN SESSION AT CHESTER

of Florida, a double house on Canby ber Company; the union depot, used jointly by the Southern and Chesap peake and Ohio Railways; the Star Building, containing one or more store, restaurant and dwelling; the Piedmont Hotel, owned in the Hotel where the teachers attending the institute of the Burling; the Piedmont Hotel, owned in the Hotel where the teachers attending the institution of the burnt district, the first of National State of the Summer institute of the burnt district, the first of National State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the State of the burnt district, the first of National State of the State of the State of State of the State of State of State of the State of the State of State of the Stat

Declared Insage,

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA, July 20,—In the Corporation Court to-day a jury found B, F. Lipps to be insage. He will be sent to Williamsburg. The case was bitterly fought, the man being held in fall for three weeks. His wife appeared as leading witness against him. She said he suffered from hallucinations.

Mrs. Lipps, the wife, is a sister of Mrs. Eugene Peebles, who was murdered by her husband in this city last May.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Vernor's Ginger Ale s the most palatable and refreshing of all foun-tain drinks. Served lee cold, it quenches the thist as nothing else will will. Pure and health-ful. Get it for se at

Polk Miller's, 834E. Main.

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A Summer Food Drink that is delicious and re-

Make Postum in the usual way, strong and rich,

Serve with cracked ice, lemon and sugar to taste.

This pleasant, safe and delightfully cooling drink

-rich in food value-is an agreeable surprise to

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' (directions on pkg.) and set aside to cool.

those who have never tried it.

Let it tell.

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